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- B) CASABLANCA 331
- C) RABAT 2101
- D) RABAT 2247
- E) RABAT 2258
- F) RABAT 2285
- 1. AS REPORTED REF (E) ALL PRIVATE VIETNAMESE ACCOUNTS NOW UNBLOCKED AT FNCB.
- 2. FNCB OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED ECOUN THAT ON MAY 13 GOM BLOCKED VIETNAMESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.
- 3. WE PRESUME ONCE DECISION MADE BY FONMIN LARAKI CONCERNING PRG REQUEST THAT ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT ACT ON ITS BEHALF (REF F), GOM WILL TAKE PARALLEL DECISION ON BANK ACCOUNT. IF PRG INTERESTS SECTION ESTABLISHED IN ALGERIAN EMBASSY, ACCOUNT WILL PROBABLY BE UNBLOCKED IN ITS FAVOR. WE ARE TOLD THIS WILL PRESENT TECHNICAL PROBLEMS FOR FNCB, BUT MANAGER CONSIDERS THEM SOLVABLE UNDER MOROCCAN LAW. IF TRANSACTIONS THEN OCCUR AT OR BELOW U.S. LICENSE LEVEL, NO PROBLEM SHOULD ARISE. BUT IF UNDER FUTURE GOM ARRANGEMENTS, ATTEMPT IS MADE TO EXCEED U.S. LICENSE LEVEL OR TO SHIFT ACCOUNT EN BLOC, GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT CONFLICT COULD OCCUR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 4. SINCE ONLY TWO MONTHS FUNDS IN ACCOUNT (REF E), WE BELIEVE SATISFACTORY LOCAL ARRANGEMENT COULD BE MADE BETWEEN FNCB AND ALGERIA (OR WHOEVER) TO RUN ACCOUNT DOWN OVER ALLOTTED SIX WEEKS FOR NORMAL HOUSEKEEPING EXPENSES.
- 5. WE PROPOSE NO ACTION BE TAKEN TO ANTICIPATE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WILL PROBABLY NOT ARISE, BUT WISHED TO ALERT WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO LATEST STEP BY GOM SO THAT CONTINGENCY PLANS CAN BE CONSIDERED.

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